

I'm writing to convey to my profound sense of unease about the upcoming hearing of the Commission which will change the rules governing cross-ownership of media outlets. To date we have not seen the proposed changes in the legislation but the expectation seems to be that the new rules will make it easier for large corporations to completely control the information available to large segments of the population. I believe that such a concentration of media holdings would constitute a serious threat to the well-being of the public whom the FCC is pledged to serve. Large corporations serve the interests of their share-holders not of the citizenry. A decrease in the number of sources of information and entertainment will impoverish all of us while enriching the owners of the giant media groups.

I feel confident that if the public were made fully aware of the consequences of the concentration of media ownership there would be widespread protest against any proposal which allowed for greater concentration of media ownership. I urge the FCC to publish, in detail, the proposed rules changes and delay the hearings until the proposed changes and their likely consequences them have been fully aired in public.

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